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PREPARATIONS FOR THE FIRST GLOBAL CONFERENCE ON THE
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING
STATES ON THE BASIS OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION
47/189 AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT OTHER RELEVANT
GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS

OPERATIONS OF THE VOLUNTARY FUND

Note by the Secretariat

1. In paragraph 20 of its resolution 47/189, the General Assembly decided to establish a voluntary fund for the purpose of assisting small island developing States and the least developed countries to participate fully and effectively in the first Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States and its preparatory process, and invited Governments to contribute to the fund. In a note verbale dated 11 May 1993, the Secretary-General informed Member States of the establishment of the fund and called on Governments to contribute to it. To date, the following contributions have been received:

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	<u>US\$</u>	<u>Currency of contribution</u>
Canada	37 300	50 000 Canadian dollars
Chile	1 000	1 000 United States dollars
Cyprus	1 000	1 000 United States dollars
Indonesia	5 000	5 000 United States dollars
Italy	90 225	150 million Italian lire
Liechtenstein	1 000	1 000 United States dollars
New Zealand	13 375	25 000 New Zealand dollars
Sweden	99 985	750 000 Swedish kronor
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	35 722	23 975 pounds sterling
United States of America	<u>50 000</u>	50 000 United States dollars
Total	334 607	

2. The following pledges to the fund have been made:

	<u>US\$</u>	<u>Currency of pledge</u>
Ireland	14 285	10 000 Irish pounds
Japan	100 000	100 000 United States dollars
Netherlands	<u>94 870</u>	185 000 Dutch guilders
Total	209 155	

3. In addition to the contributions and pledges noted above, the Secretary-General has been informed that the following countries have made direct contributions either to regional organizations or bilaterally for the same purpose as the voluntary fund:

	<u>US\$</u>	<u>Currency of contribution</u>
Australia	140 000	200 000 Australian dollars
Canada	90 000	120 000 Canadian dollars
New Zealand	27 000	50 000 New Zealand dollars
Iceland	3 000	3 000 United States dollars

4. The Secretary-General has been further informed that the contributions of Australia and New Zealand were directed to the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) to facilitate the participation of the Pacific island countries in the Conference and its preparatory process, that Canada channelled its contribution to the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), and that Iceland's contribution supported the participation of a representative from Cape Verde at the first session of the Preparatory Committee, held in New York from 30 August to 10 September 1993.

5. The first outlays from the fund covered the cost of participation of 13 delegates from small island developing States at the first session of the Preparatory Committee. Those delegates came from the Caribbean, Atlantic and Indian Ocean island countries; delegates from the Pacific island countries were funded through SPREP. Expenditure from the voluntary fund for that first session was US\$ 32,900.

6. For the resumed first session of the Preparatory Committee, to be held in New York from 7 to 11 March 1994, the cost of providing that support for one representative from small island developing States is expected to be about US\$ 150,000. The same level of support will be extended to the small island developing States for the Global Conference, to be held in Barbados from 25 April to 6 May 1994.

7. The voluntary fund will also cover the travel expenses of one representative from the non-small island least developed countries to the Conference. As there are not likely to be sufficient funds available to provide that level of support to all least developed countries, funding to those countries will be done on a first-come-first-served basis until such time as the fund is exhausted.
